

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (*Currently Amended*) A contents supplying system comprising:

a contents supplying server apparatus that supplies contents for downloading via a communication network; and

an information processing terminal that receives the contents from the server apparatus for at least one user,

wherein the server apparatus comprises:

a server storing device for storing, together with numerous contents, user information for each user, including user ID information and contents purchase information comprising contents ID information and copy control data; and

a server controlling section that, in response to a copy permission request from a user for copying the downloaded contents from said information processing terminal to an external apparatus or recording medium, reads out the copy control data of the requested downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server storing device, supplies the copy control data of the user to said information processing terminal, and amends the copy control data of the user corresponding to the request stored in the server storing device, and

wherein the information processing terminal comprises:

a terminal storing device for storing the downloaded contents from the server apparatus;

a sending section for sending to the server apparatus the copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to any external apparatus or recording medium;

a receiving section for receiving the copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server apparatus; and

a terminal controlling section for determining whether or not to copy said downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.

2. (*Previously Presented*) The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein the copy control data stored in said server storing device represents the number of times downloaded contents are allowed to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium,

and is decremented every time the downloaded contents are copied from the information processing terminal to the external apparatus or recording medium.

3. (*Currently Amended*) The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein:

the user information of said server storing device further includes terminal ID information representing one or more information processing terminals belonging to one user, and

said server controlling section supplies the already downloaded contents by the ~~same~~ one user without executing a fee-charging process to the information processing terminal that has already downloaded the downloaded contents or to another information processing terminal ~~logged in by~~ belonging to the same one user.

4. (*Previously Presented*) The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein said server storing device stores an initial value of the copy control data, contents by contents.

5. (*Previously Presented*) The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein said contents are music data.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A contents information processing terminal for downloading contents from a contents-supplying server apparatus via a communication network, the information processing terminal comprising:

a storing device for storing the downloaded contents from the server apparatus;

a sending section for sending to the server apparatus a copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to an external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to any external apparatus or recording medium;

a receiving section for receiving copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server apparatus; and

a controlling section for determining whether or not to copy said downloaded contents into the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.

7. (*Previously Presented*) The contents information processing terminal according to claim 6, wherein the copy control data represents the number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium.

8. (*Previously Presented*) The contents information processing terminal according to claim 6, wherein said contents are music data.

9. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for a contents information processing terminal that downloads via a communication network contents from a contents-supplying server apparatus in a storing device, the computer program including instructions for:

storing the downloaded contents from the server apparatus;

sending to the server apparatus a copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to an external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to any external apparatus or recording medium;

receiving copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server apparatus; and

determining whether or not to copy said downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.

10. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein the copy control data represents the number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium.

11. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein said contents are music data.

12. (*Previously Presented*) The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

13. (*Previously Presented*) The contents information processing terminal according to claim 6, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

14. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.